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# **Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO)**

## **Functional Role**

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# **Contracting Officer**

## **FAR1.602**

- **Person with authority to enter into, administer, and/or terminate contracts and make related determinations & findings.**
- **Term includes certain authorized representatives of the Contracting Officer acting within the limits of their authority as delegated by the Contracting Officer.**
- **ACO - Contracting Officer who administers contracts.**

# **FAR 42.2**

## **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

- **FAR 42.201 RESPONSIBILITIES**
  - **CMO SHALL**
    - **PERFORM 42.302(a) FUNCTIONS, EXCEPT THOSE  
WITHHELD**
    - **PERFORM 42.302(b) TO EXTENT SPECIFICALLY  
AUTHORIZED**
    - **REQUEST SUPPORTING CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION  
AS REQUIRED**

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# **FAR 42.3**

## **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FUNCTIONS**

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- **FAR 42.302(a)**
  - **FUNCTIONS CO NORMALLY DELEGATES TO CMO**
  - **CO MAY RETAIN ANY FUNCTIONS EXCEPT**
    - **(a)(5) NEGOTIATE FORWARD PRICING RATE AGREEMENTS**
    - **(a)(9) ESTABLISH FINAL INDIRECT COST AND BILLING RATES**
    - **(a)(11) COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**
- **FAR 42.302(b)**
  - **FUNCTIONS MUST BE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY CO**
- **FAR 42.302(c)**
  - **ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS REMAIN RESPONSIBILITY OF CO**
    - **NOT LISTED IN 42.302(a) AND (b)**
    - **NOT OTHERWISE DELEGATED UNDER FAR 42.202(c)**

